## **HB6618** - "An Act Concerning Medical Assistance for Certain Persons Receiving Abortion Care and Related Services in Connecticut"

**Overview: HB 6618** requires the State of Connecticut, through the Department of Social Services, to use Connecticut taxpayer funds to pay for 100% of the cost of abortion services for out-of-state low- income women. The women are eligible for this coverage if they meet certain income requirements and come from a state that has laws making the abortion service being sought illegal in their home state.

Connecticut taxpayers must not be forced to pay for a service that they believe is the taking of an innocent human life and totally immoral. The \$2 million being proposed by the Governor for this program should not be permitted and this bill should not pass.

Our state residents have <u>many needs that should be addressed</u>, <u>but lack adequate funding</u>, such as programs that address homelessness and mental health. Connecticut should not become a destination state for free abortions.